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BARRICADED SUICIDAL SUBJECT 9900 BLOCK OF EAST COUNTRY SHADOWS DRIVE

On July 26, 2011 at approximately 4 p.m., the Tucson Police Department received a 911 call from a male subject who indicated he was having suicidal thoughts and was armed with a gun. The caller did not provide an address, but the call was traced to the area of East Country Shadows Drive and South Adventure Trail. Through additional research, the call was traced to a residence in the 9900 block of East Country Shadows Drive. Officers from Operations Division East responded to the location. The subject is being identified as a **38-year old male**. Next of kin have not yet been notified.

A Crisis Intervention Team-certified officer began negotiations with the male via phone. The male immediately made suicidal statements and statements indicating that he was contemplating forcing officers into shooting him. An on-duty Hostage Crisis Team member responded to the scene and assisted with the ongoing attempts to convince the subject to surrender peacefully. Negotiations were tenuous and the subject remained committed to his suicidal plans. Based on the subjects statements and indications that he had access to multiple weapons, a contingent of SWAT and Hostage Crisis Team personnel responded, bringing specialized equipment and additional personnel to the scene. Negotiators were unable to gain compliance from the subject, who, at approximately 6:05 p.m., turned his handgun on himself and fired at least one shot.

A contingent of SWAT personnel entered the residence at that time, as the subject could be seen moving inside the residence. The subject still had access to his firearm at this time and a SWAT officer deployed a Taser in order to safely approach the subject to separate him from his weapon. Two SWAT Medics immediately rendered life-saving first aid measures until Tucson Fire Department paramedics responded and transported the subject to the University Medical Center. The subject ultimately succumbed to his injuries approximately 40 minutes later.

Members of the Homicide Unit, the Night Detectives, and the Office of Internal Affairs responded to continue the investigation at the scene. As police personnel were on scene and in telephonic contact with the subject at the time of his self-inflicted gunshot, the incident will be investigated as an in-custody death. This is standard Tucson Police Department practice in this type of incident. A Board of Inquiry will be convened to review all aspects of the Department's response.

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